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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

U.S. Patent 5,365,312  
U.S. Patent 5,616,929  
U.S. Patent 5,699,091  
Japan Laid-Open Application 2-102062  
Japan Laid-Open Application 7-218321  
Japan Laid-Open Application 9-309213  
Japan Patent 2752402

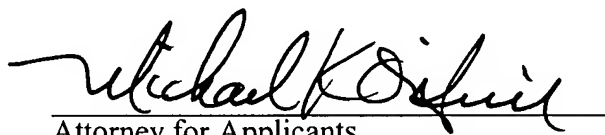
The foregoing Japanese documents were discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 5,365,312 is an English language counterpart of Japan Patent 2752402; that U.S. Patent 5,616,929 is an English language counterpart of Japan 7-218321; and that U.S. Patent 5,699,091 is an English language counterpart of Japan 9-309213.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. §

1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

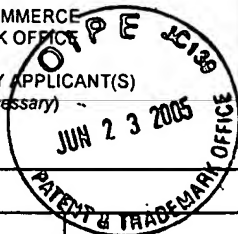
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		5,365,312	11/15/94	Hillmann, et al	355	206	
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		9-309213	12/2/97	Japan			Abstract
		2752402	5/18/98	Japan			Abstract
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